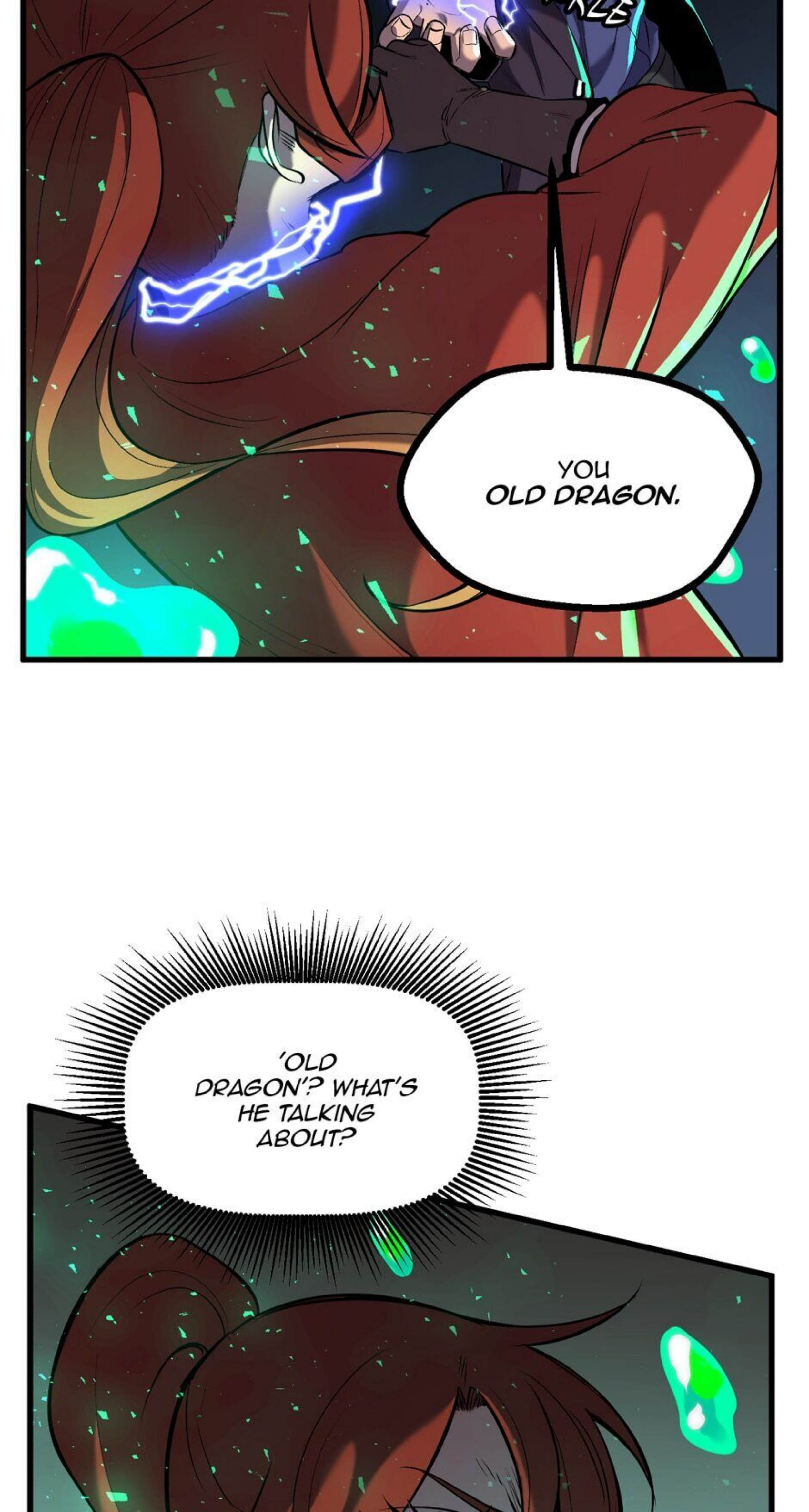
SHWOOON
WOW~ ARE YOU TRYING TO USE THE DRAGON'S NEST TO LEVEL UP OR SOMETHING?

BUT THERE'S A CERTAIN... PROBLEM WITH THAT. IT'S ABOUT TO STOP FUNCTIONING!

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO LEVEL UP...

CRACKLE

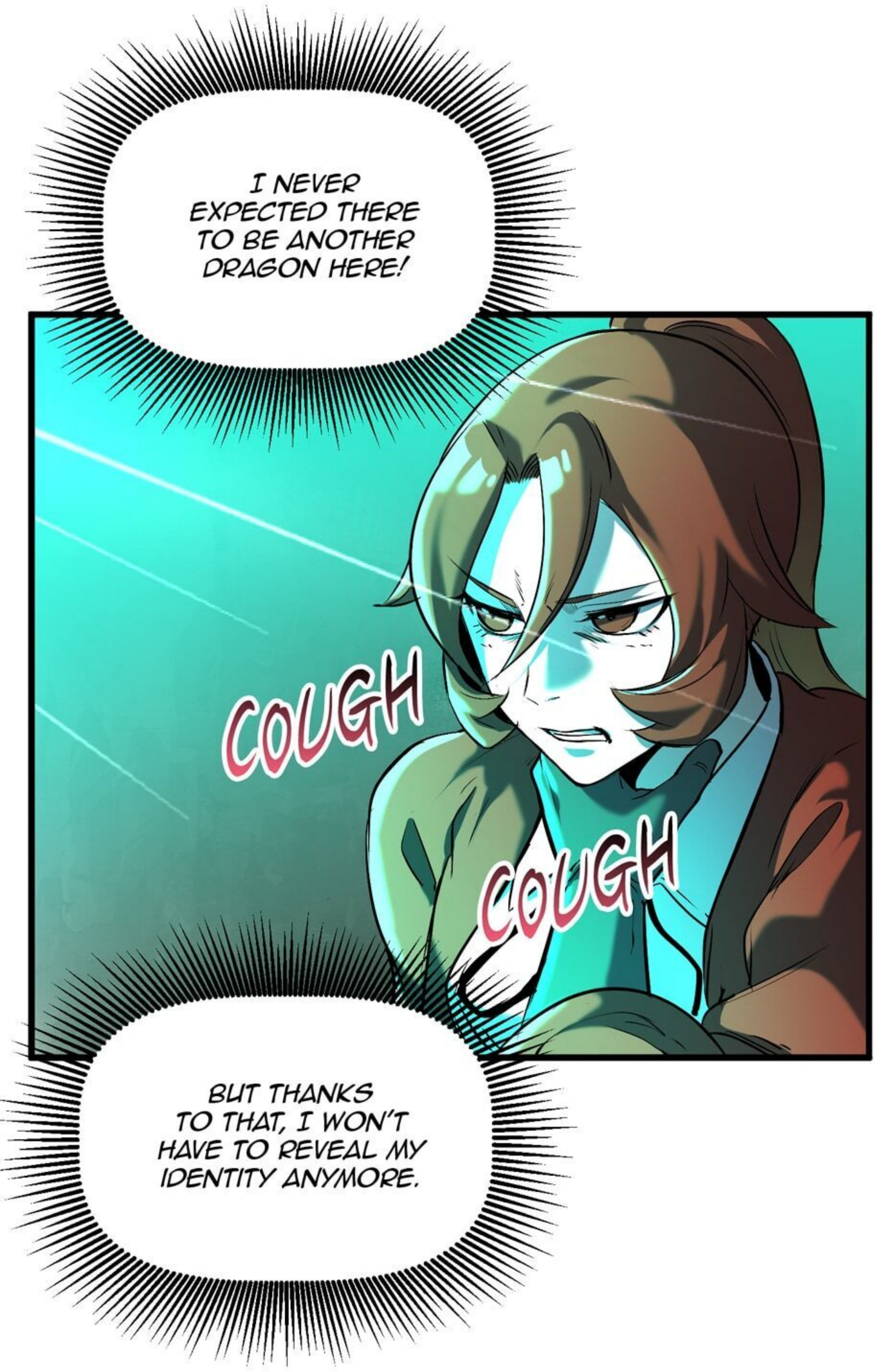

YOU
OLD DRAGON.
'OLD DRAGON'? WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT?

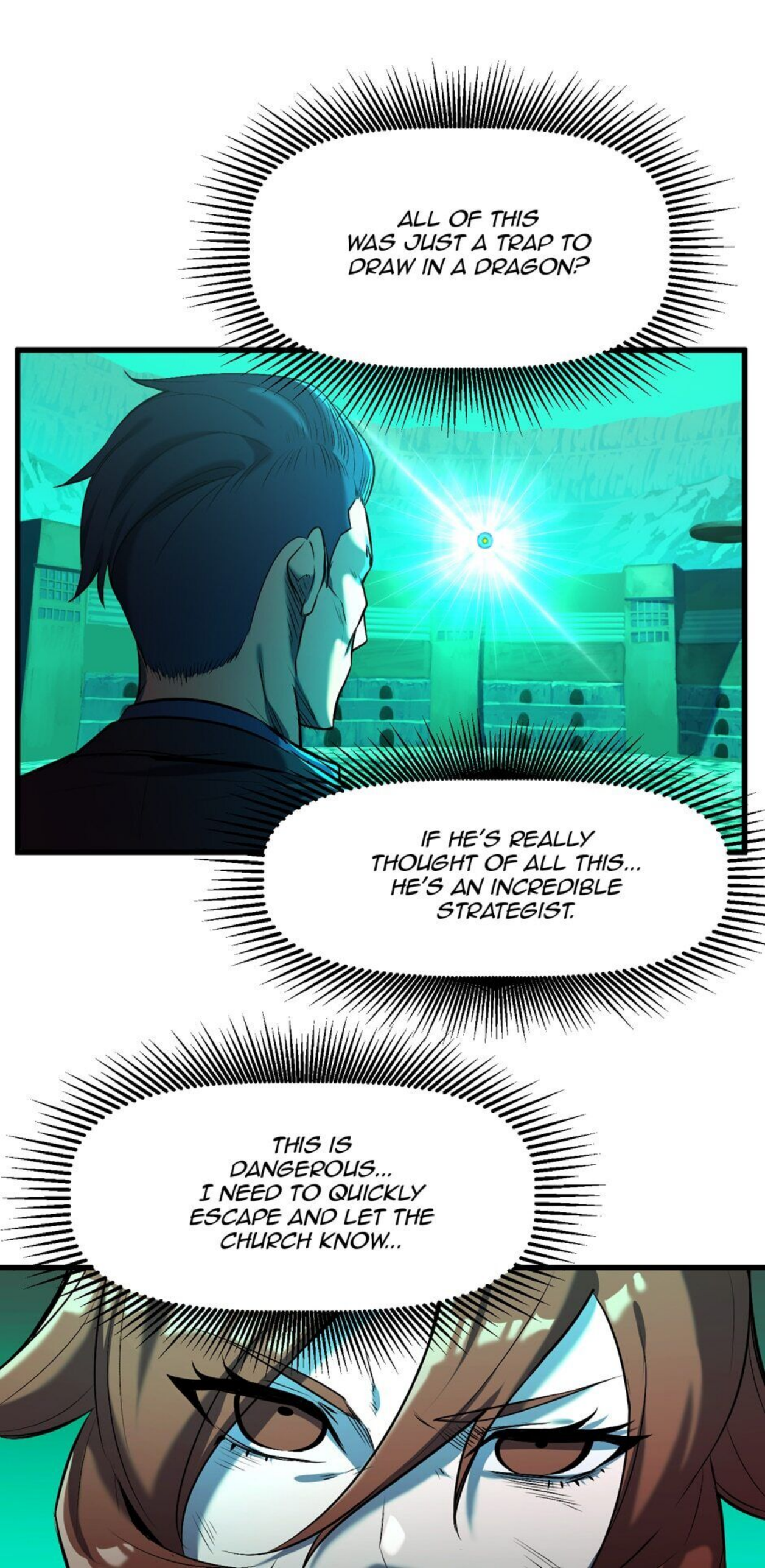
VZZZT
IT'S NOT ME WHO'S...
...COLLECTING THE NEST'S ENERGY NOW!

SHWO
...!

SOMETHING'S... PULLING IN ALL THE ENERGY...
FLASH

DID A REAL DRAGON ACTUALLY SNEAK IN?


I NEVER EXPECTED THERE TO BE ANOTHER DRAGON HERE!
COUGH
COUGH
BUT THANKS TO THAT, I WON'T HAVE TO REVEAL MY IDENTITY ANYMORE.


ALL OF THIS WAS JUST A TRAP TO DRAW IN A DRAGON?
IF HE'S REALLY THOUGHT OF ALL THIS... HE'S AN INCREDIBLE STRATEGIST.
THIS IS DANGEROUS... I NEED TO QUICKLY ESCAPE AND LET THE CHURCH KNOW...

BUT I CAN'T EVEN LIFT A FINGER ANYMORE.
MR. ALEJANDRO! THE DRAGON'S NEST—
TAT
TAT
AH!

WHAT A RELIEF...

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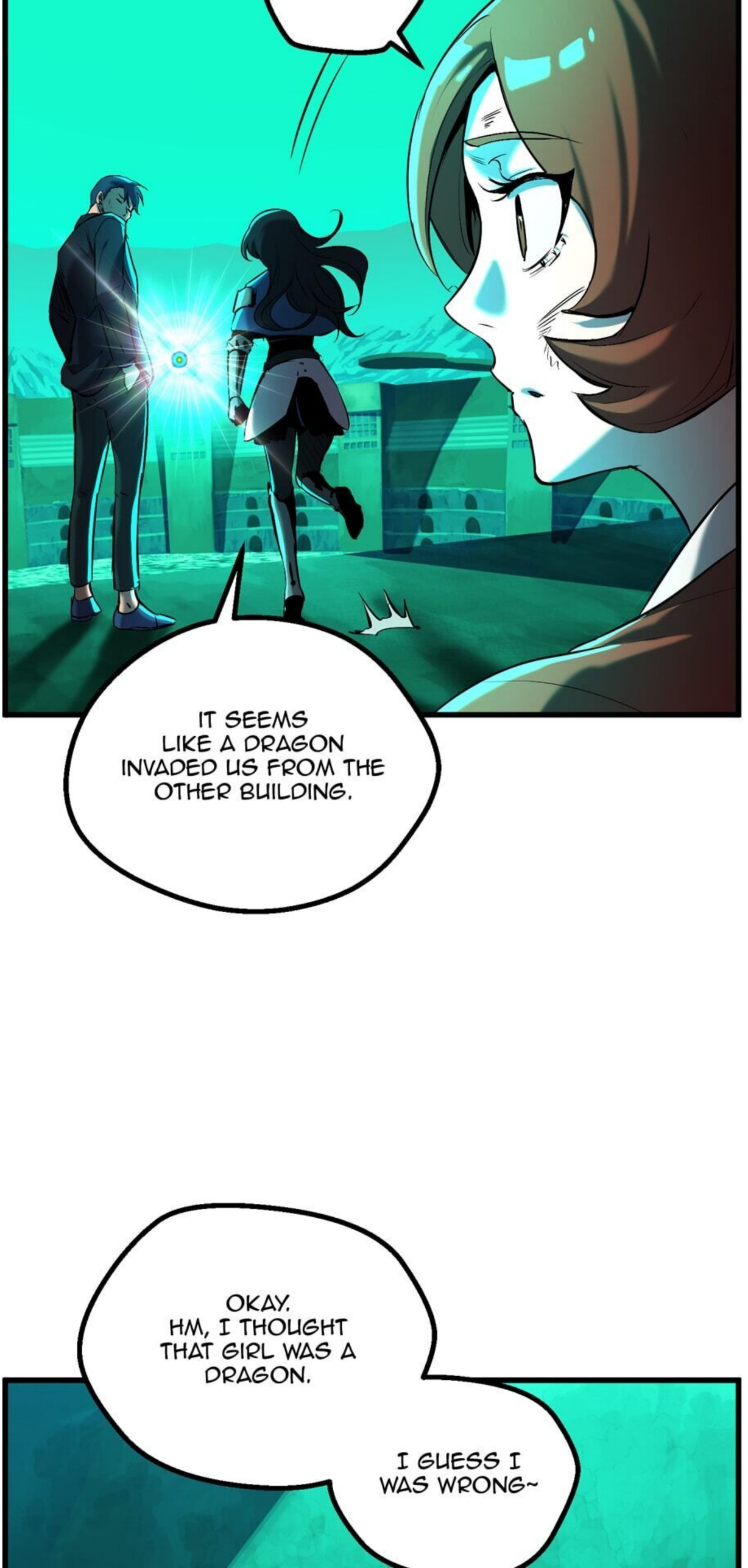

IT SEEMS LIKE A DRAGON INVADED US FROM THE OTHER BUILDING.
OKAY. HM, I THOUGHT THAT GIRL WAS A DRAGON.
I GUESS I WAS WRONG~

YOU...
DON'T NEED TO GO TO THE OTHER SIDE AND CHECK ON THAT DRAGON?

WELL,
EVEN IF I GO THERE NOW, THERE'S NO WAY I CAN FIND OUT WHO'S A DRAGON IF IT'S DISGUISED AS A HUMAN.

AND ANYWAY,
IT WON'T BE ABLE TO LEVEL UP SINCE THE NEST IS BROKEN.

SHWOO

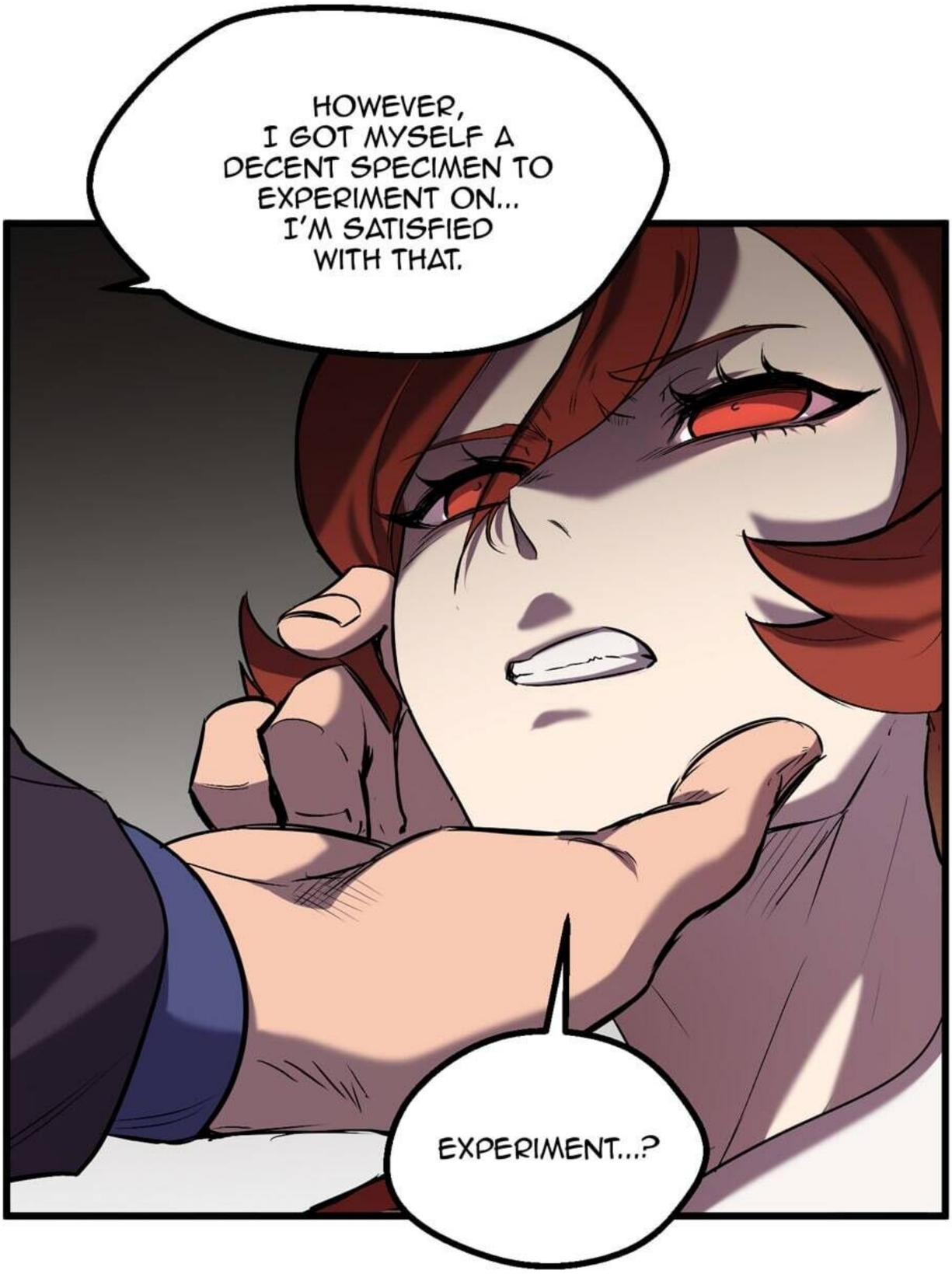
I MADE IT SO THAT EVERY BRIDGE CONNECTED TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD WILL BE DESTROYED AS SOON AS THE DRAGON'S NEST STARTS TO FUNCTION.
SO NO HUMAN CAN ESCAPE.
YOU KNEW THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN? THAT'S WHY YOU CUT OFF ALL PATHS OUT OF HERE...?

IT WOULD'VE BEEN SIMPLER IF THAT GIRL WAS THE DRAGON,

BUT SINCE THE DRAGON'S NEST IS BROKEN ANYWAY...

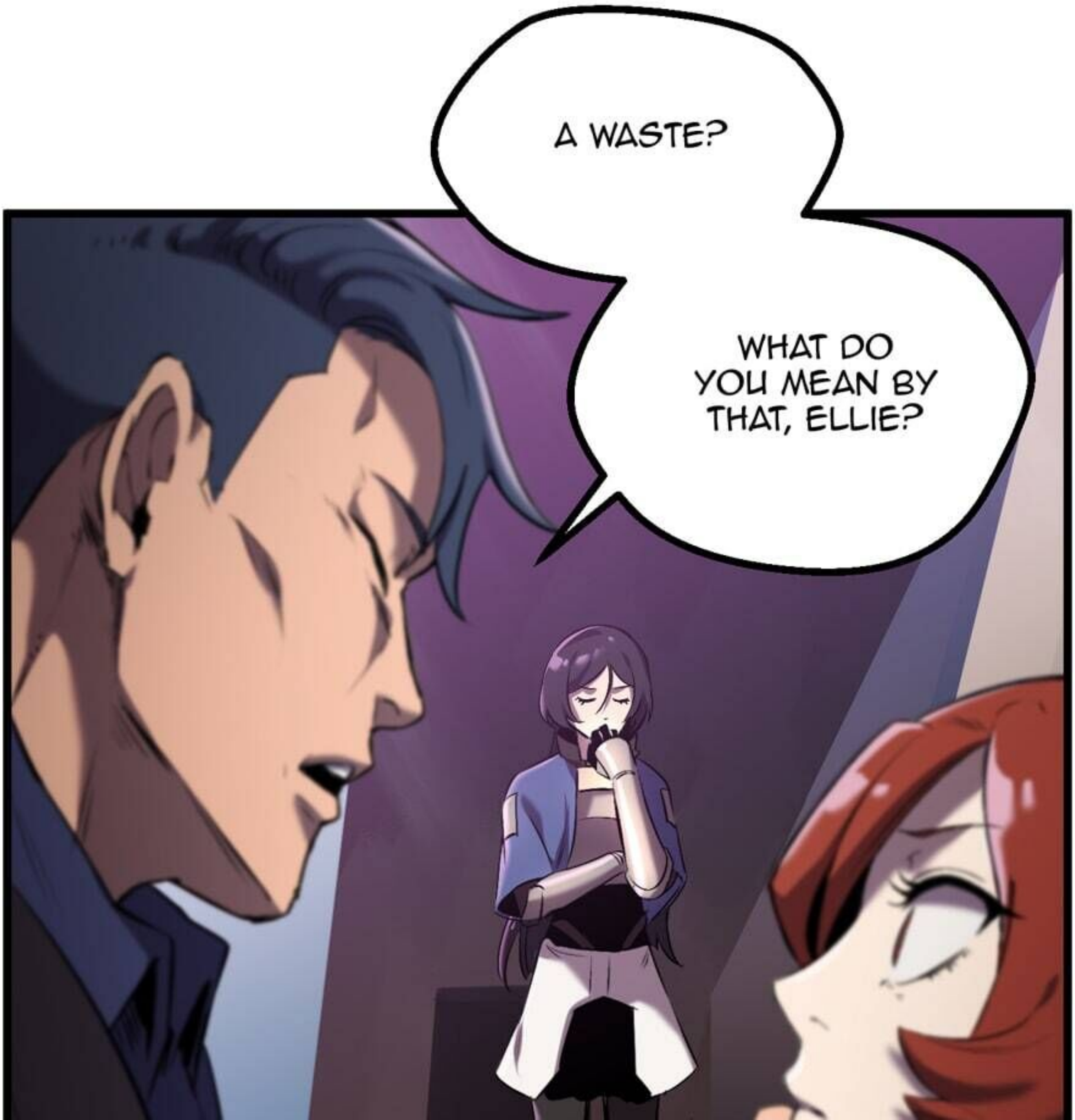
...I DON'T WANT TO CAUSE TOO BIG OF A RUCKUS TO CATCH THAT DRAGON. IT'LL ONLY

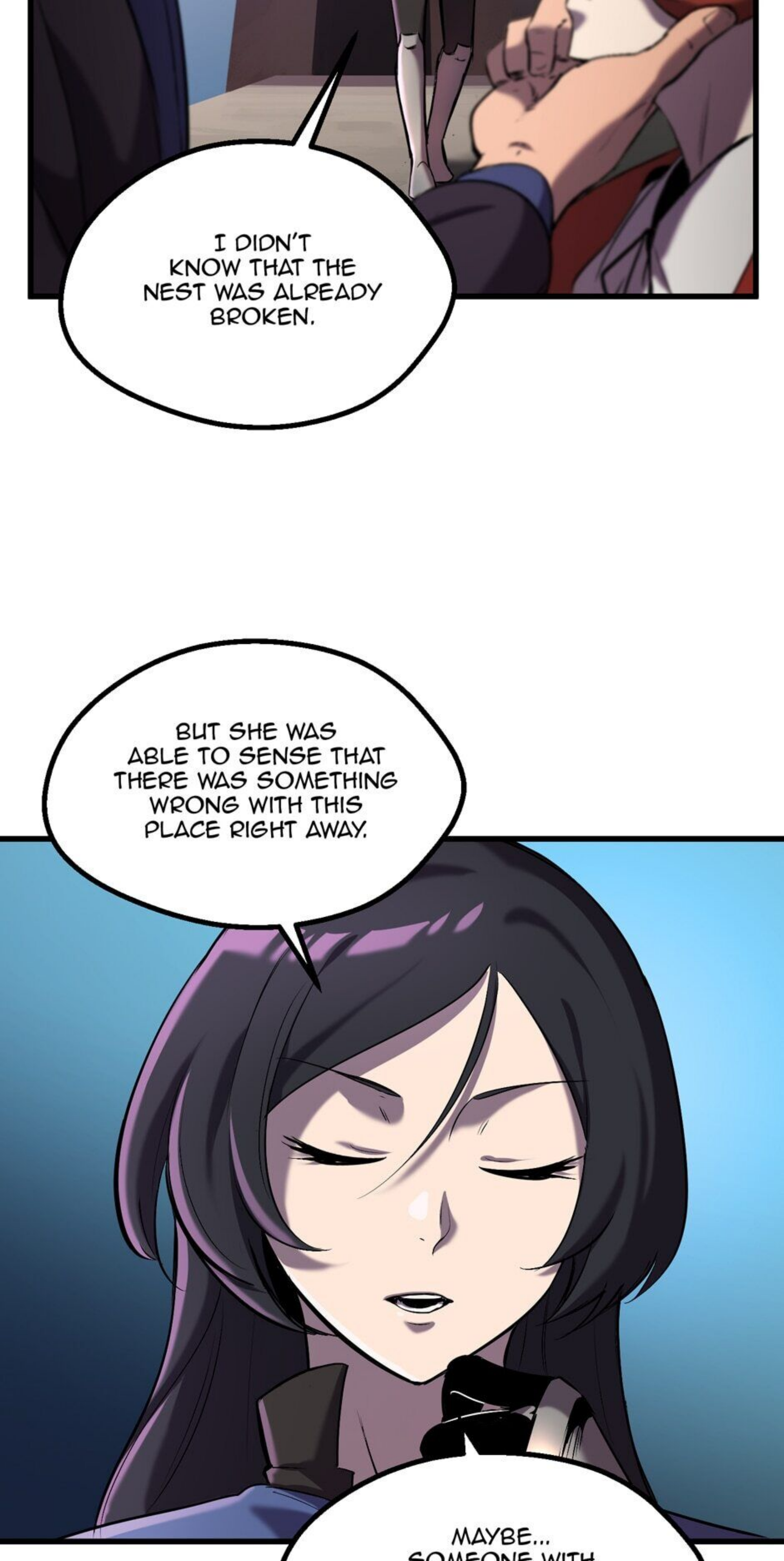
DELAY MY RESEARCH.



OH, I'M SORRY IF YOU THOUGHT I'D LET YOU LIVE~
THINGS AREN'T SO GREAT ON THIS SIDE EITHER, SO I CAN'T WASTE ANY RESOURCES.

WHAT A WASTE.



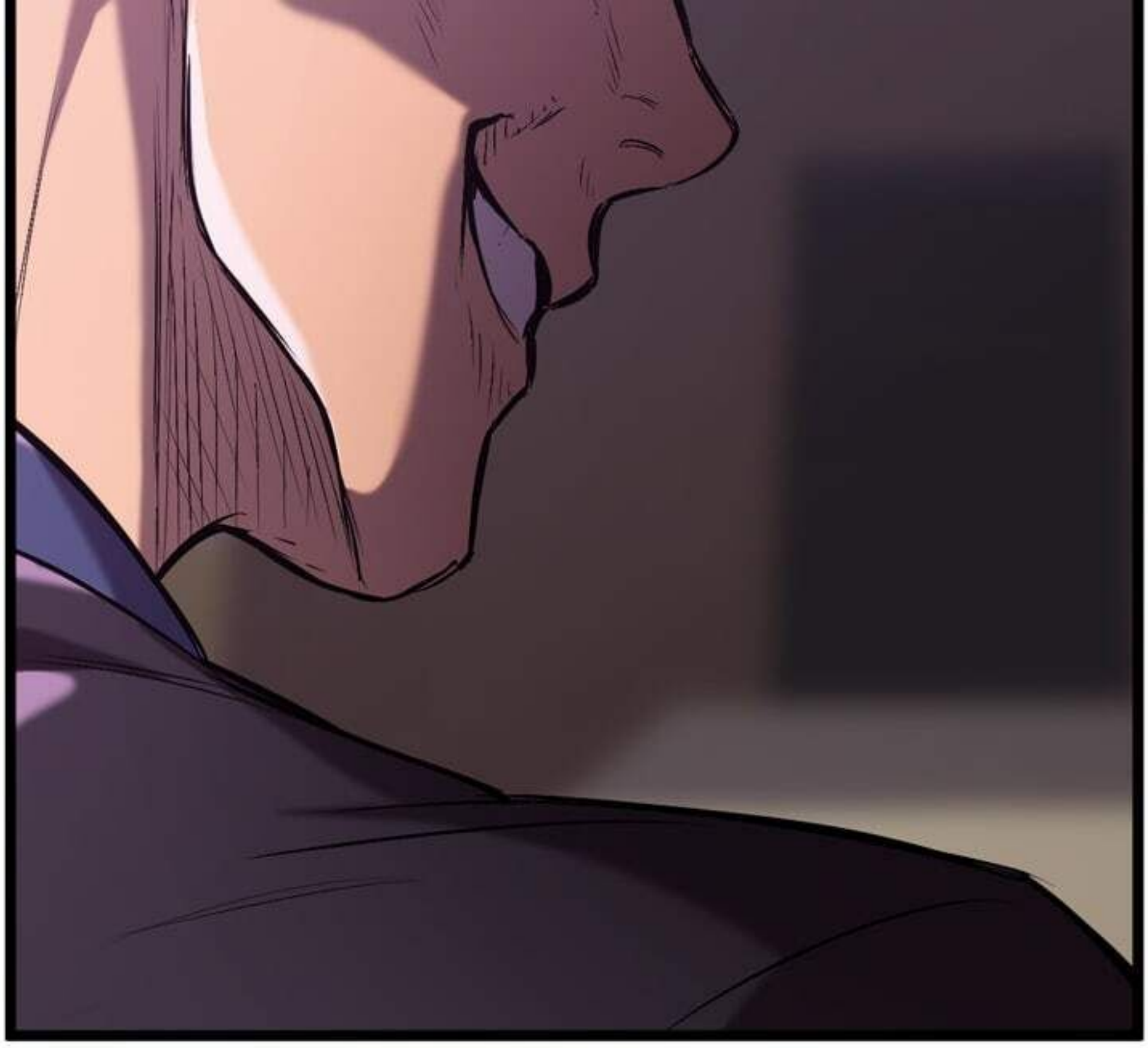

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT THE NEST WAS ALREADY BROKEN.
BUT SHE WAS ABLE TO SENSE THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THIS PLACE RIGHT AWAY.
MAYBE...

SOMEONE WITH THAT KIND OF ABILITY CAN HELP US...
...FIX THE DRAGON'S NEST.
IS SHE TRYING TO HELP ME? BUT...

YOU'D TRUST
A SPY FROM THE CHURCH
OF LIGHT TO HELP US?

FINE.
SHE CAN'T ESCAPE ANYWAY. IF WE CAN GET SOME USE OUT OF HER, WE SHOULD~
YOU CAN TAKE CHARGE AND TRY IT.
I'M TRUSTING YOU, ELLIE~

YES, SIR.



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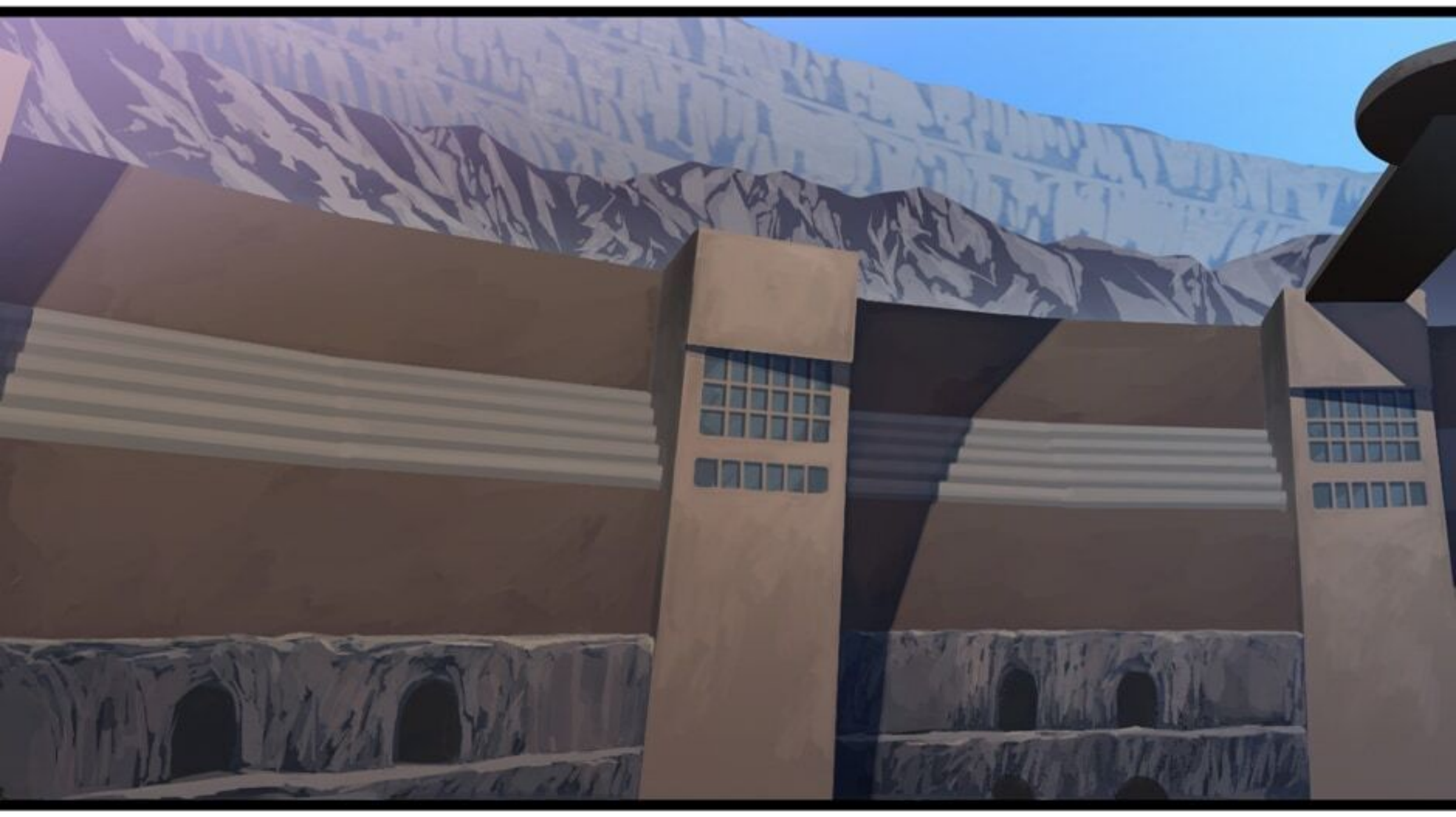

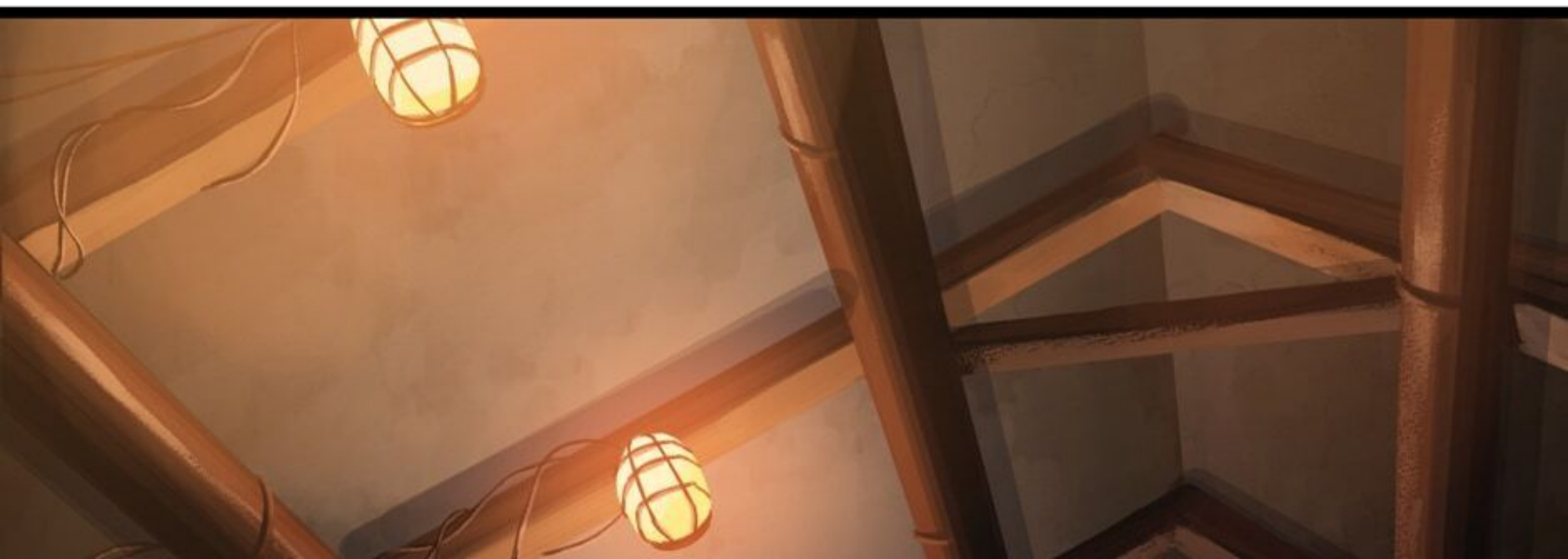

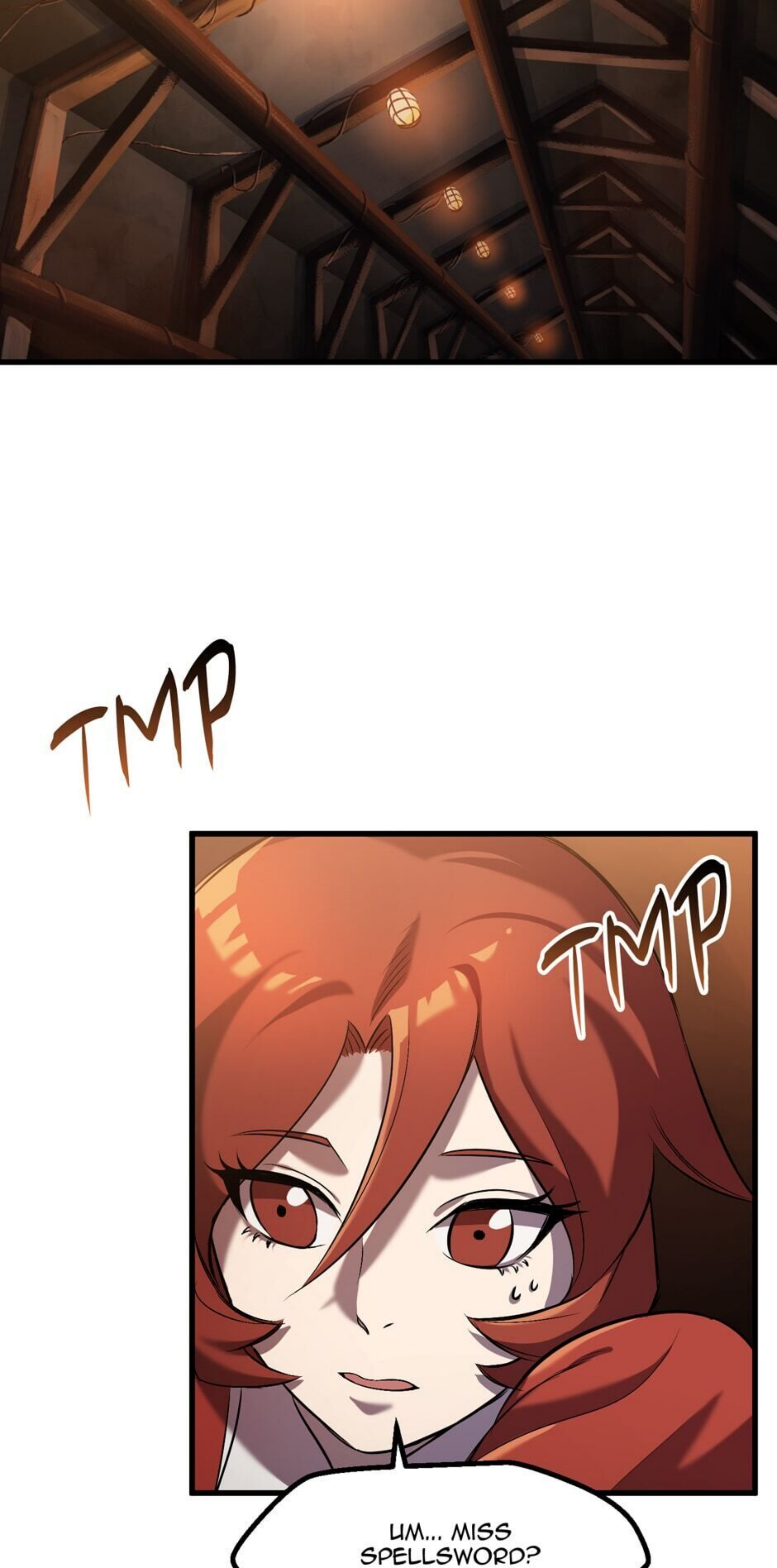
TMP
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UM... MISS SPELLSWORD?

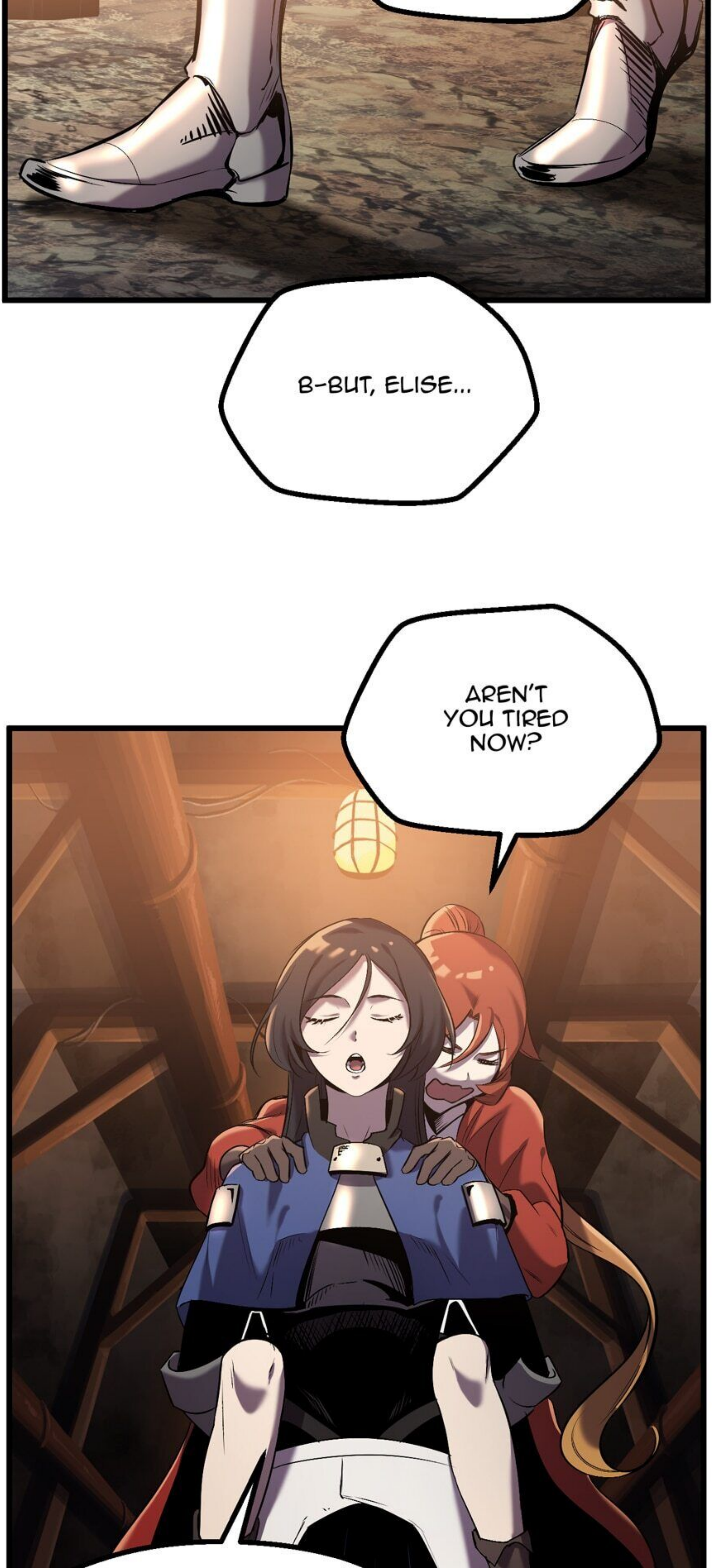
WE'LL BE WORKING TOGETHER FOR A WHILE,

SO YOU CAN CALL ME 'ELISE' FROM NOW ON.

WE ALREADY KNOW YOU'RE A SPY—WHAT'S YOUR REAL NAME?

MY NAME IS ARTIS BANNISTER.

YOU CAN CALL ME ARTIS.


B-BUT, ELISE...
AREN'T YOU TIRED NOW?

SPELLSWORDS CONSTANTLY USE THEIR FORCE TO MAKE THEMSELVES LIGHTER.

THIS IS NO PROBLEM.

DOES IT HURT?

OH, NO! I JUST FEEL BAD THAT A WOMAN HAS TO CARRY ME...

WE'RE BOTH WOMEN, SO THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

I-I CAN WALK BY MYSELF NOW!
SHE SEEMS LIKE A NICE PERSON... I FEEL BAD HAVING TO LIE TO HER.
MY ROOM'S THIS WAY.
OKAY.

AND... THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DID FOR ME BACK THERE.
IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU THAT I'M STILL ALIVE...
NO, YOU DON'T HAVE TO THANK ME FOR ANYTHING.

WHEN I REALIZED THAT YOU'RE A DRAGON...
...I WAS READY TO KILL YOU FOR REAL.

WHAT? BUT YOU JUST SAW THAT THE REAL DRAGON WAS ELSEWHERE!
THERE'S NO USE IN DENYING IT.
YOU'VE RECENTLY ABSORBED A GREAT AMOUNT OF ENERGY, RIGHT?

IT WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY AMOUNT, SO IT MUST'VE BEEN... FROM A DUNGEON.

HOW DID YOU...?

I'M SENSITIVE TO ENERGY.

I WAS ABLE TO FEEL YOUR ENERGY IN DETAIL WHEN YOU WERE ON MY BACK.

I NEED TO LET HER KNOW WHO'S BOSS BEFORE WE START WORKING TOGETHER.

THERE'S NO ONE ELSE HERE,

AND THIS PATHWAY IS MADE OUT OF THICK ROCKS.

A SPELLSWORD CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITHOUT ANY METAL, SO I'M NO DIFFERENT FROM AN ORDINARY HUMAN BEING AT THIS POINT AS WELL.

I DON'T EVEN HAVE PIECE OF METAL ON ME, LET ALONE A SWORD.

EVEN WITHOUT A WAND, IT WOULDN'T BE ANY PROBLEM FOR YOU TO KILL ME LIKE THIS,

BUT IF YOU'RE PLANNING ON THREATENING ME—

GRAB

MISS ELISE!

WAKE UP!
HUH?
DID ALEJANDRO ORDER YOU TO KILL YOURSELF IN ORDER TO FIND OUT MY IDENTITY?

A DRAGON'S NEST IS AN EVIL PRODUCT OF THOSE GREEDY OLD DRAGONS!
N-NO...
THAT'S NOT IT...
HE'S TRICKING YOU!

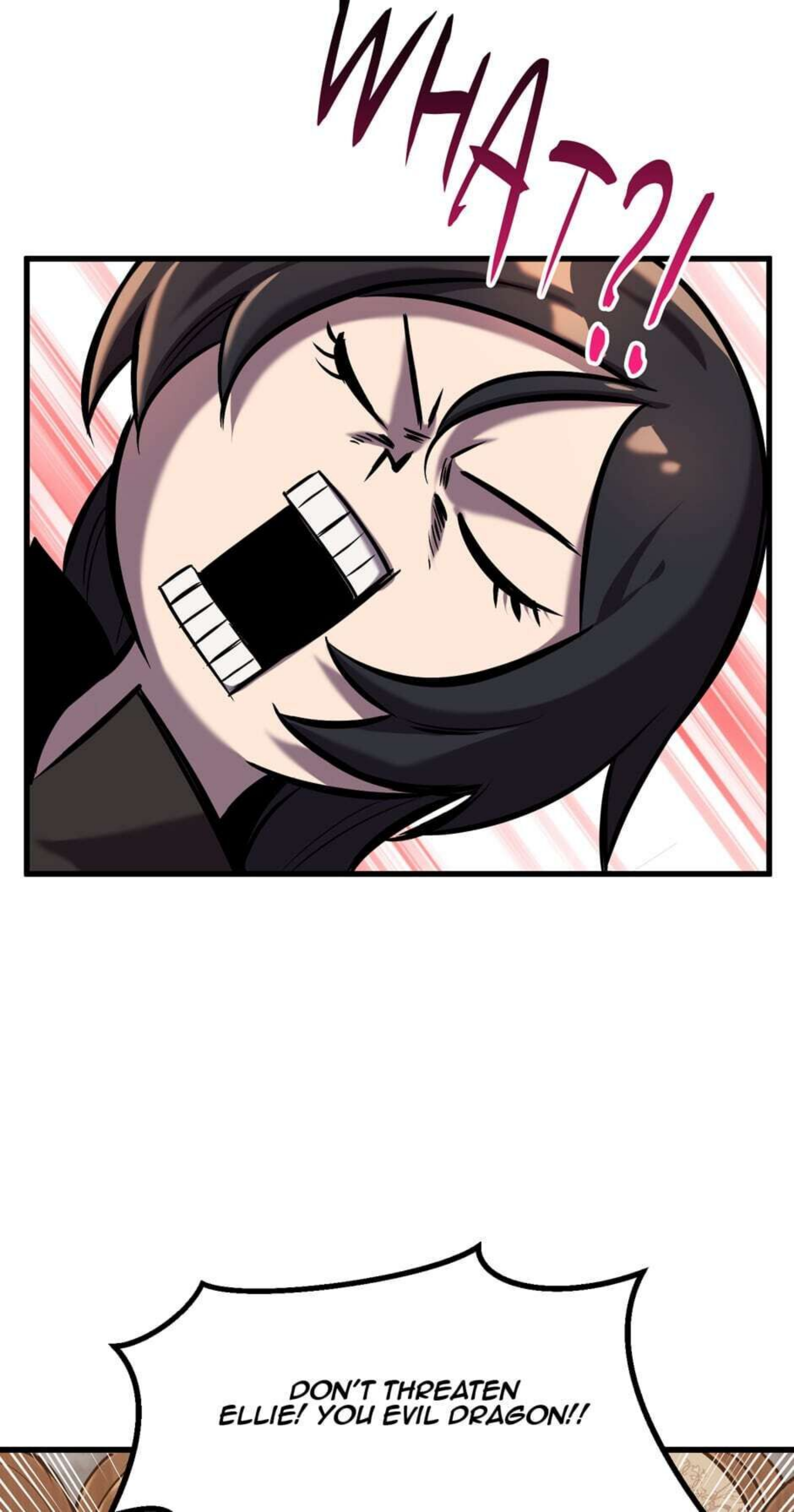
I AM
ARTIS AMPITIYA
RAGNORAK! AS A FIRE
DRAGON'S DESCENDANT,
I HAVE PRINCIPLES!

I AM
DISGUISING
MYSELF AS A
HUMAN TO HIDE MY
TRUE IDENTITY
FOR NOW...

...BUT IF I HAD TO KILL SOMEONE WHO JUST SAVED MY LIFE TO PROTECT THAT SECRET, I'D RATHER...

FIGHT THAT MAN ALEJANDRO FAIR AND SQUA--

WHAM


WHAT?!
DON'T THREATEN ELLIE! YOU EVIL DRAGON!!

HAA...
PLOP

A D-DRAGON?

IS THAT WHAT JUST INITIATED THE DRAGON'S NEST?!

WAIT A MINUTE...

I TOLD YOU TO STAY HIDDEN!

ITS FRONT LEGS...

BUT... BUT... SHE WAS YELLING AT YOU...

IT MUST BE A WYVERN.

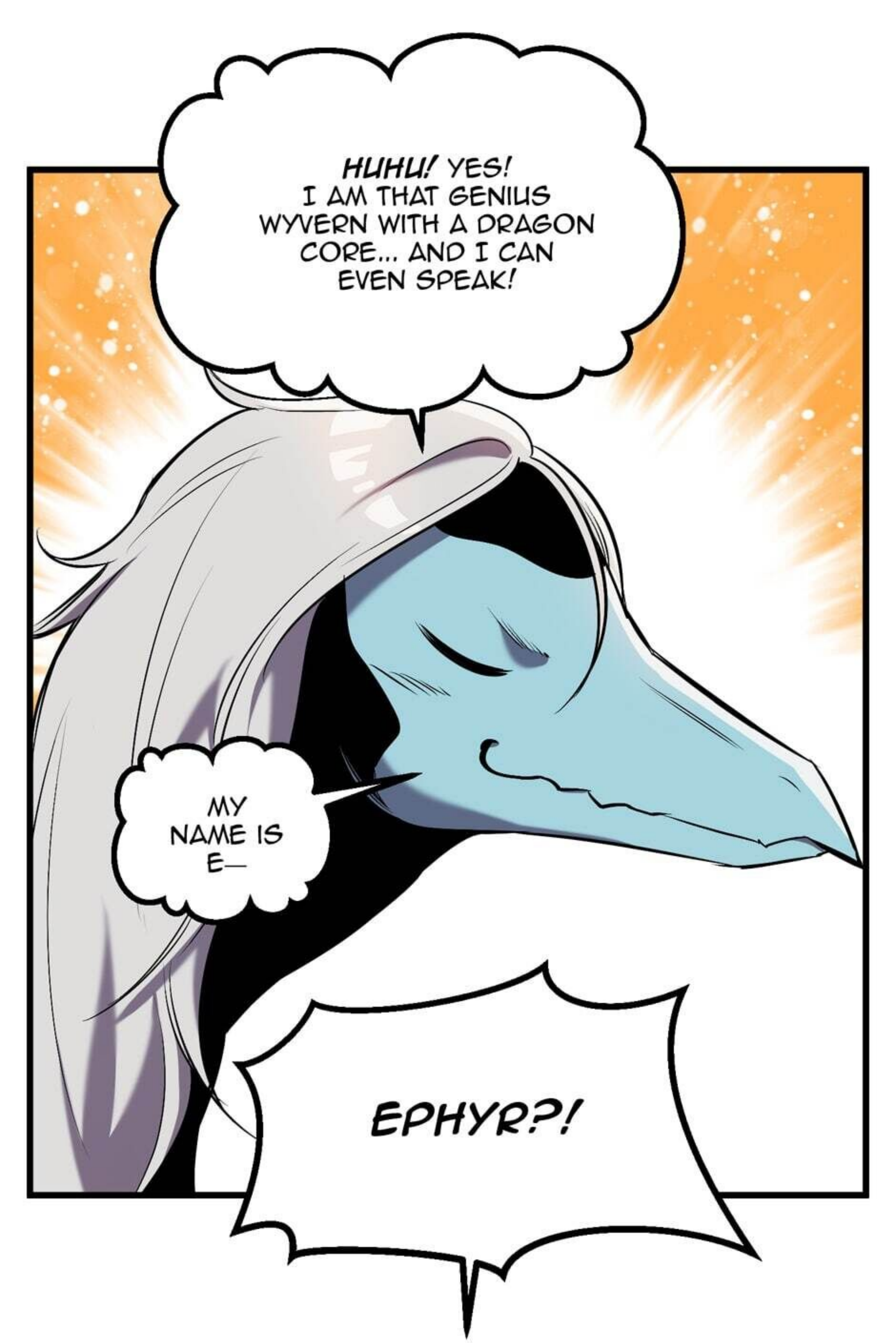
WHAT I WAS *TRYING* TO SAY WAS THAT IF YOU EVER THREATEN ME, THIS ONE WILL EXPOSE YOUR IDENTITY...

UGH

WELL, IT SEEMS LIKE YOU AND I SHARE THE SAME PURPOSE, SO I'LL JUST TELL YOU.

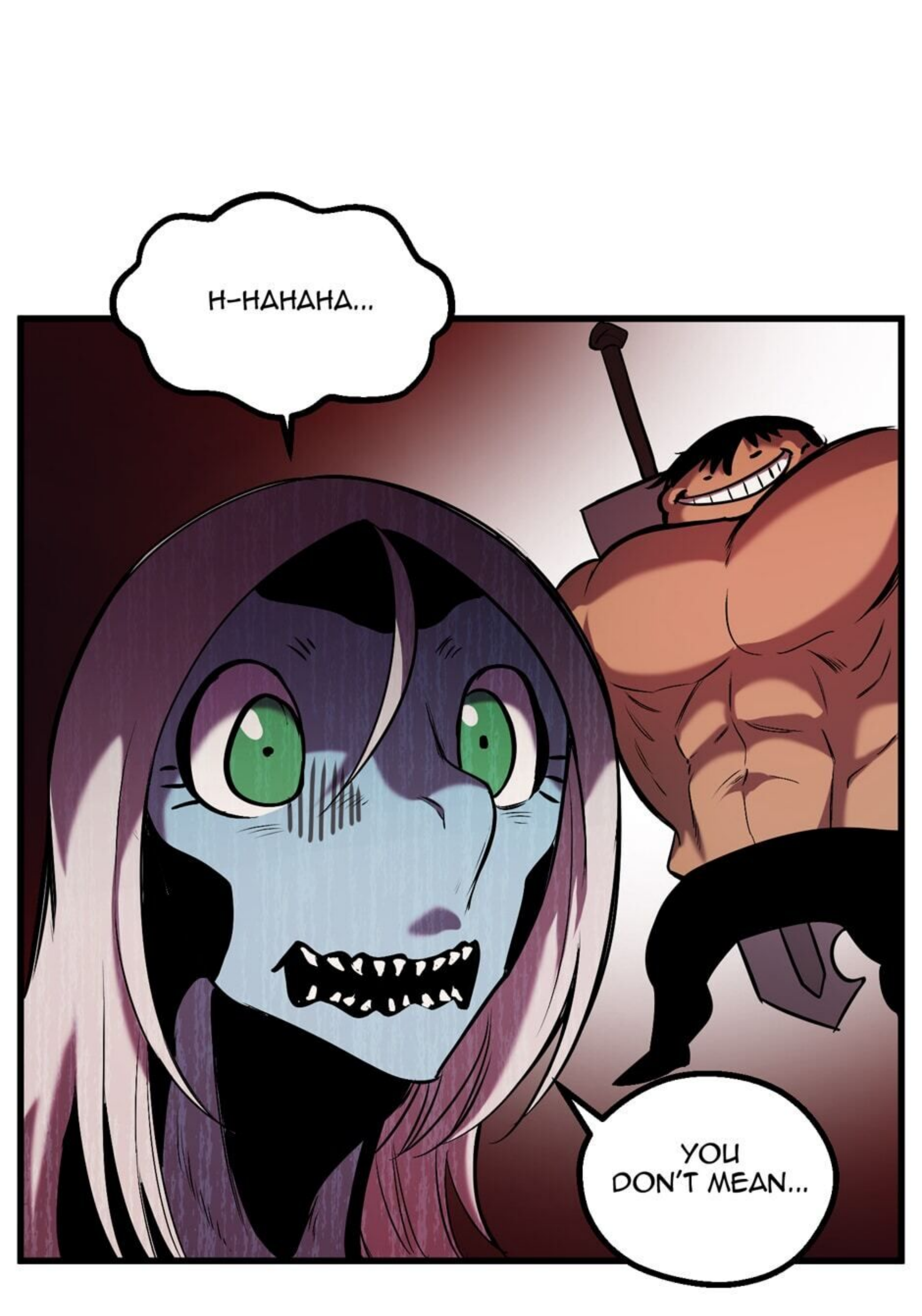
THIS ONE PRETENDED TO BE A DRAGON AND INITIATED THE DRAGON'S NEST INSTEAD OF YOU.

THAT'S WHY ALEJANDRO STOPPED SUSPECTING YOU.


HUHU! YES! I AM THAT GENIUS WYVERN WITH A DRAGON CORE... AND I CAN EVEN SPEAK!
MY NAME IS E—
EPHYR?!

HUH?!
YOU ARE EPHYR!
Y-YOU KNOW WHO I AM?
OF COURSE! I HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT YOU!

I WAS TOLD HE WAS ABLE TO HIDE HIS IDENTITY BECAUSE OF YOU! HE'S REALLY GRATEFUL FOR THAT.
ON TOP OF THAT, YOU LET HIM BORROW 300 EX? THAT'S A HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY!


H-HAHAHA...
YOU DON'T MEAN...

THAT OTHERWORLDER?!

SHLUK

DAMN IT...!

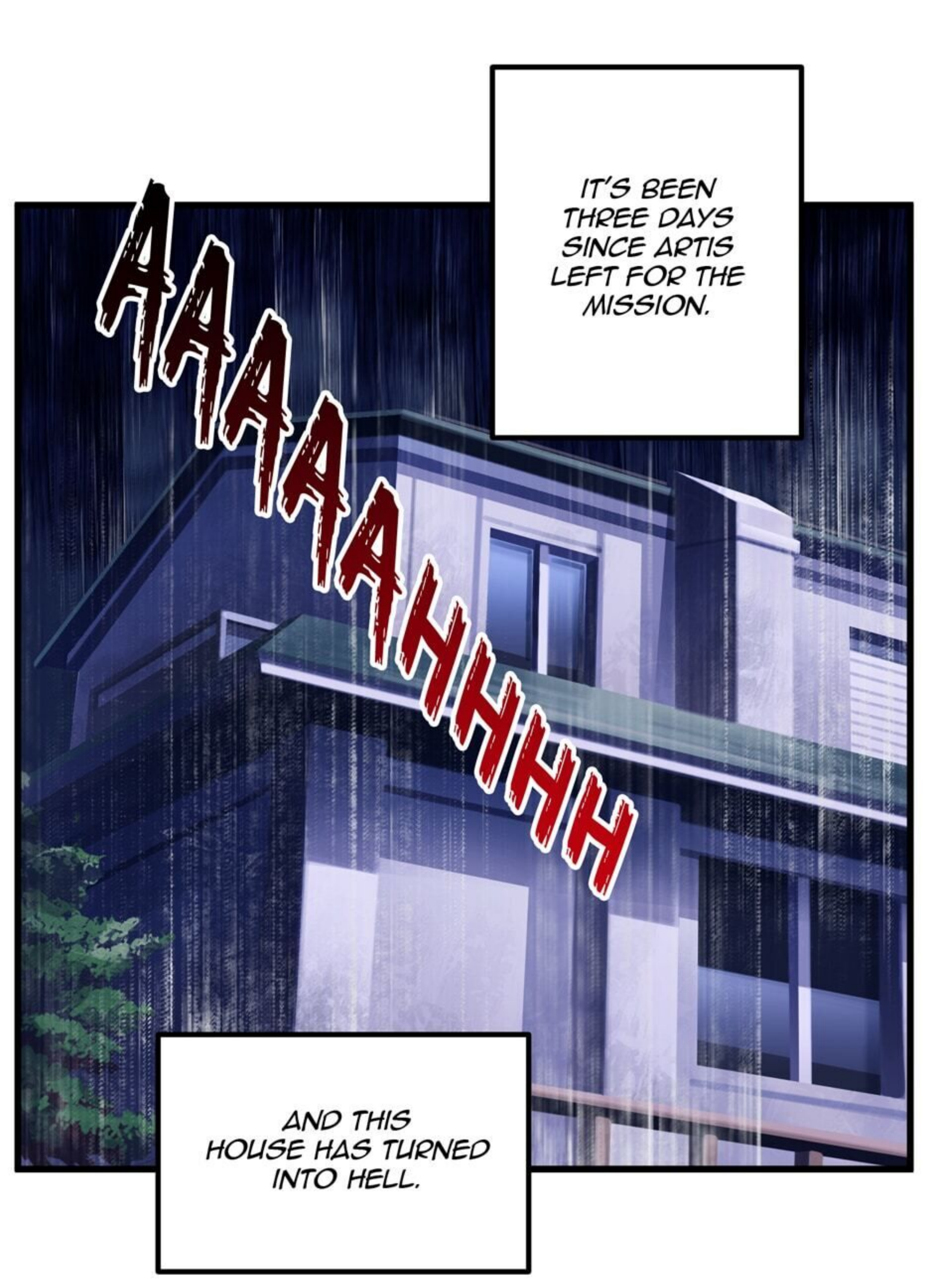
DAMN IT!!

SHLUK

HOW DID IT COME TO THIS?!
SHLUK
WHAT WENT WRONG?!

DAMN IT! GO AWAY!!
SHLUK
SHLUK
GO DOWN!!

M-MY EYES!!!
FWSSHH
Premium
Automatic Toilet
Minimum Level to use: 12


IT'S BEEN THREE DAYS SINCE ARTIS LEFT FOR THE MISSION.
AAAAAHHH
AND THIS HOUSE HAS TURNED INTO HELL.

DAMN

IT! WATER... WATER...!!

Premium Faucet Minimum Level to use: 8

KRK

KRK

DAMN IT!!

EVERY PRODUCT OF CIVILIZATION IS REFUSING TO BE USED BY ME.

I NEED CLEAN WATER!!

Refrigerator (Destroyed) Minimum Level to use: 8

I'M NO DIFFERENT THAN A CAVEMAN OR AN APE HERE.

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO COOK.

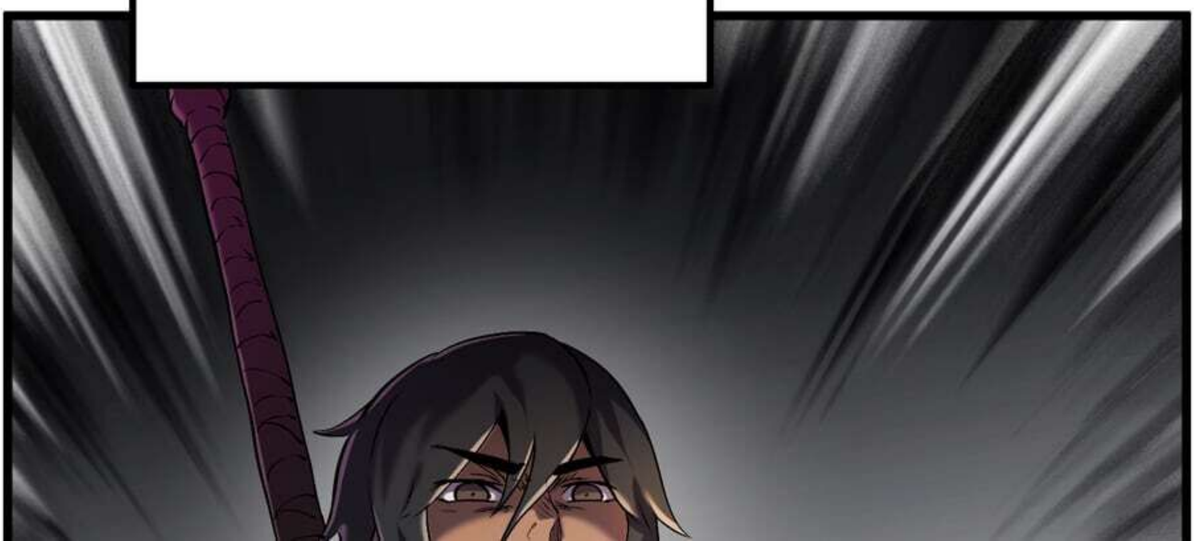
Cooking Stove
Minimum Level
to use: 15

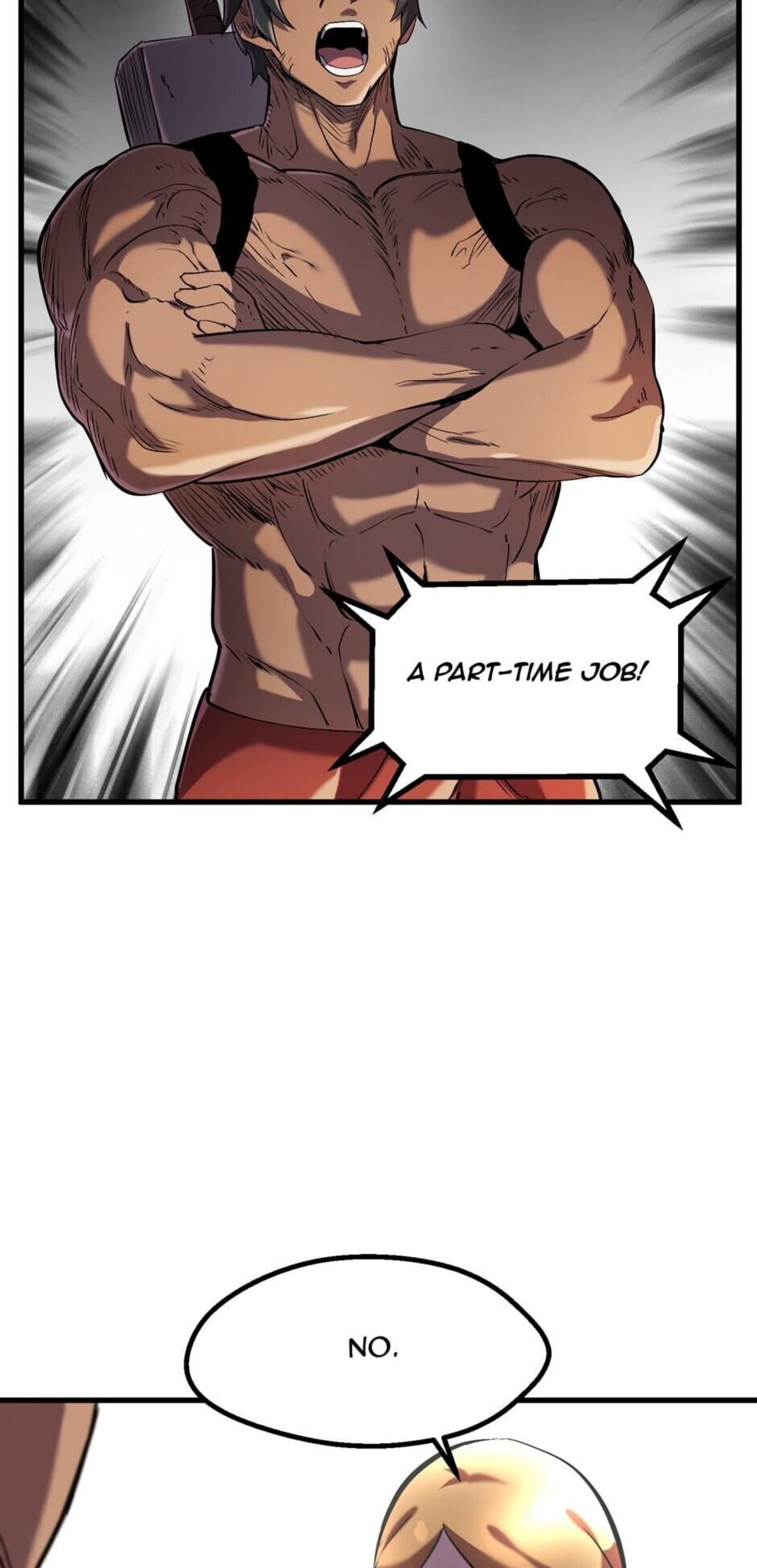
AND I HAVE
NO MONEY TO EAT
OUT EITHER.

Premium Safe
Minimum Level to use: 33
[Caution: The contents
inside will be destroyed
if forced open.]

BUT IF I DON'T HAVE MONEY, I CAN JUST GO AND MAKE SOME.

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO DO IT!




A PART-TIME JOB!
NO.

HUNTERS' GUILD - CLAUSE 68, SUBSECTION 1: REGARDING A BODYGUARD. A BODYGUARD CANNOT TAKE UP JOB OFFERS ALONE.

I'M AWARE OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE GUILD, SO I AM LOOKING FOR AN APPLICABLE LOOPHOLE, BUT...

THE SYSTEM OF HAVING A BODYGUARD ITSELF IS A LITTLE...
RUMMMBLE

R
U
OTHQUAKE!

EARTH
IT'S AN EARTHQUAKE!
MBLE
KYAA!
I THOUGHT A

DUNGEON WAS FORMING RIGHT BELOW ME...
THUD THUD THUD THUD
BUT THE EPICENTER IS RIGHT HERE!

I'LL OFFER YOU A JOB! ANYTHING YOU WANT! JUST PLEASE, CALM DOWN!
FREEZE
IT'S A PERSONAL REQUEST FROM ME, SO I CAN'T PAY MUCH.
I DON'T CARE.

SIGH
I SHOULDN'T BE DOING THIS...

SO PLEASE DON'T TELL ANYONE...

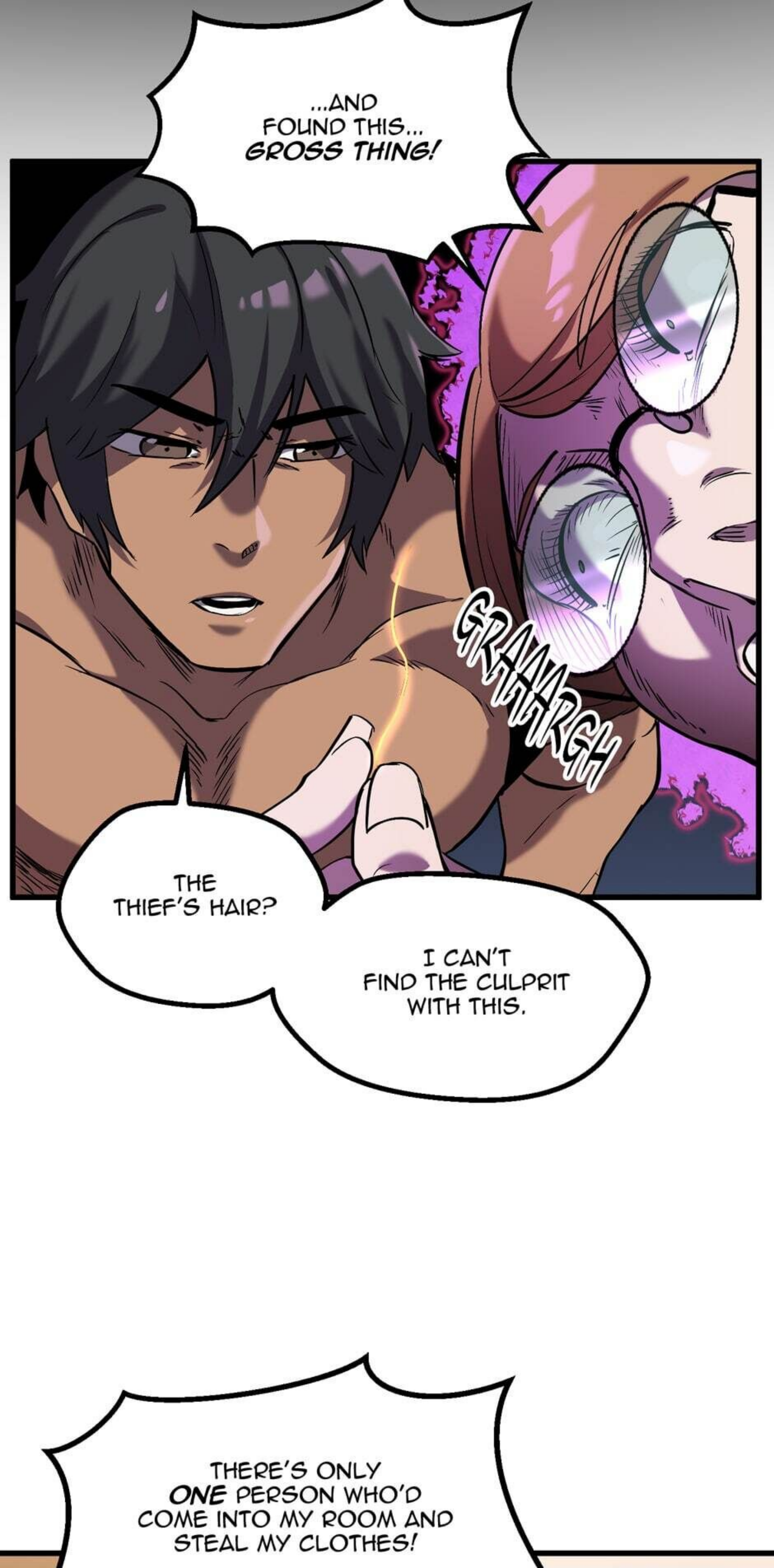
THIS HAPPENED JUST A WEEK AGO.

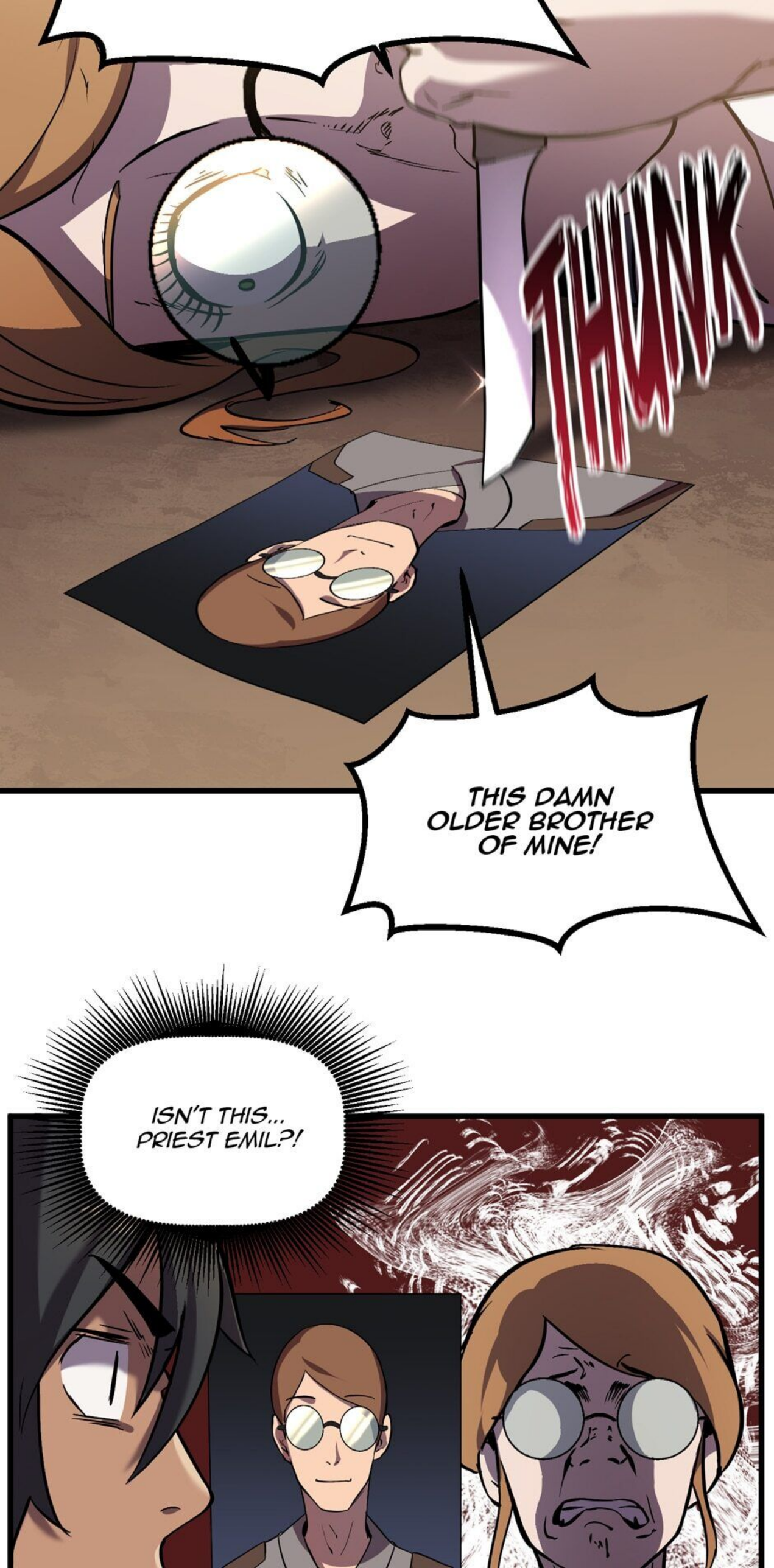
I BOUGHT

SOME CLOTHES TO WEAR WHEN I GO OUT TO MEET PEOPLE.

BUT THREE DAYS AGO, RIGHT WHEN I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO WEARING THE CLOTHES OUT... THEY WERE NOWHERE TO BE FOUND!

SO I SEARCHED THE ENTIRE ROOM...


...AND FOUND THIS... GROSS THING!
GRAHHRGH
THE THIEF'S HAIR?
I CAN'T FIND THE CULPRIT WITH THIS.
THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON WHO'D COME INTO MY ROOM AND STEAL MY CLOTHES!


THUNK
THIS DAMN OLDER BROTHER OF MINE!
ISN'T THIS... PRIEST EMIL?!

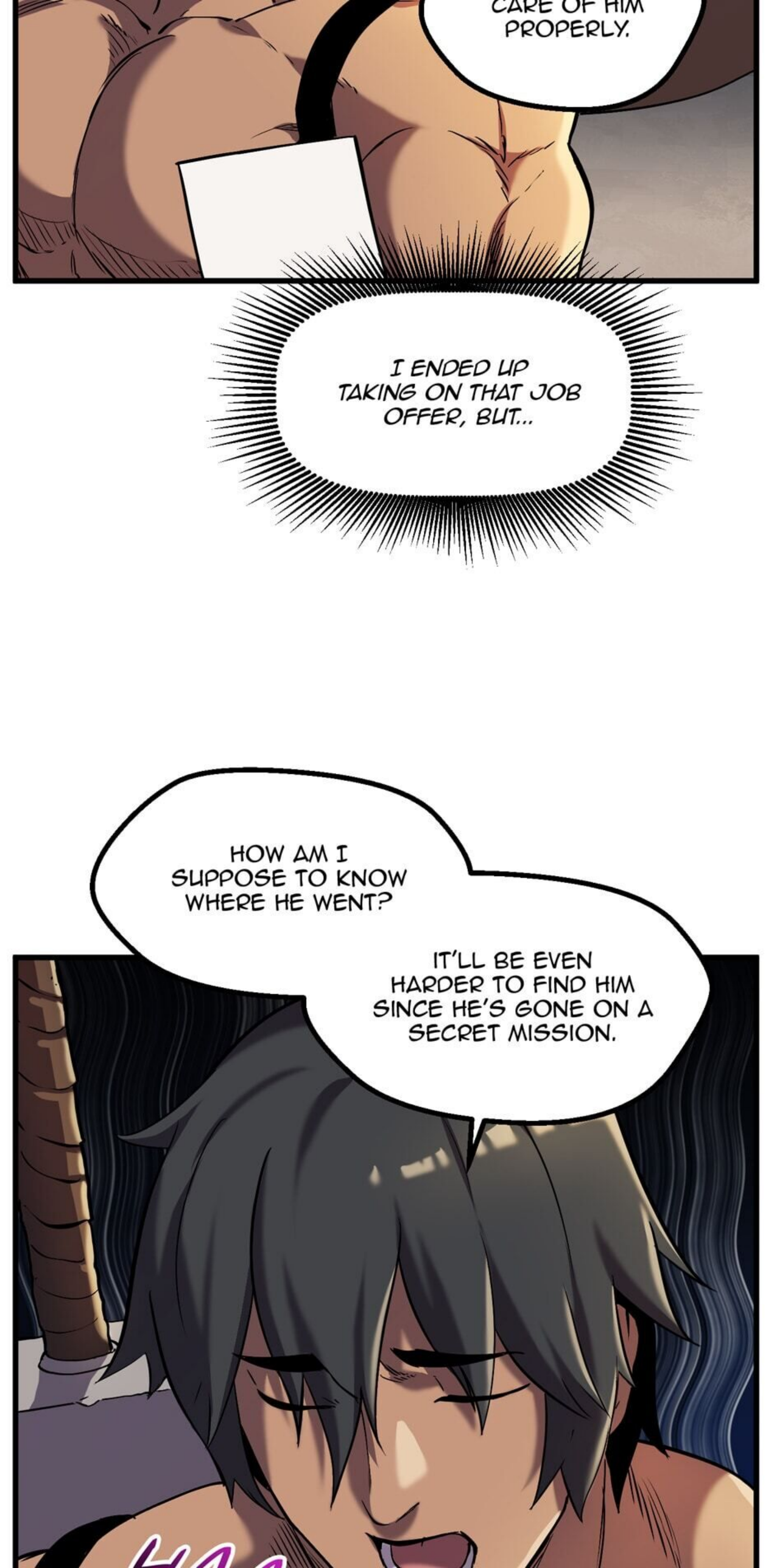
HE'S BEEN SAYING RIDICULOUS THINGS LIKE HE'S SOME SORT OF SECRET AGENT AND TOOK MY MAKEUP TOO!

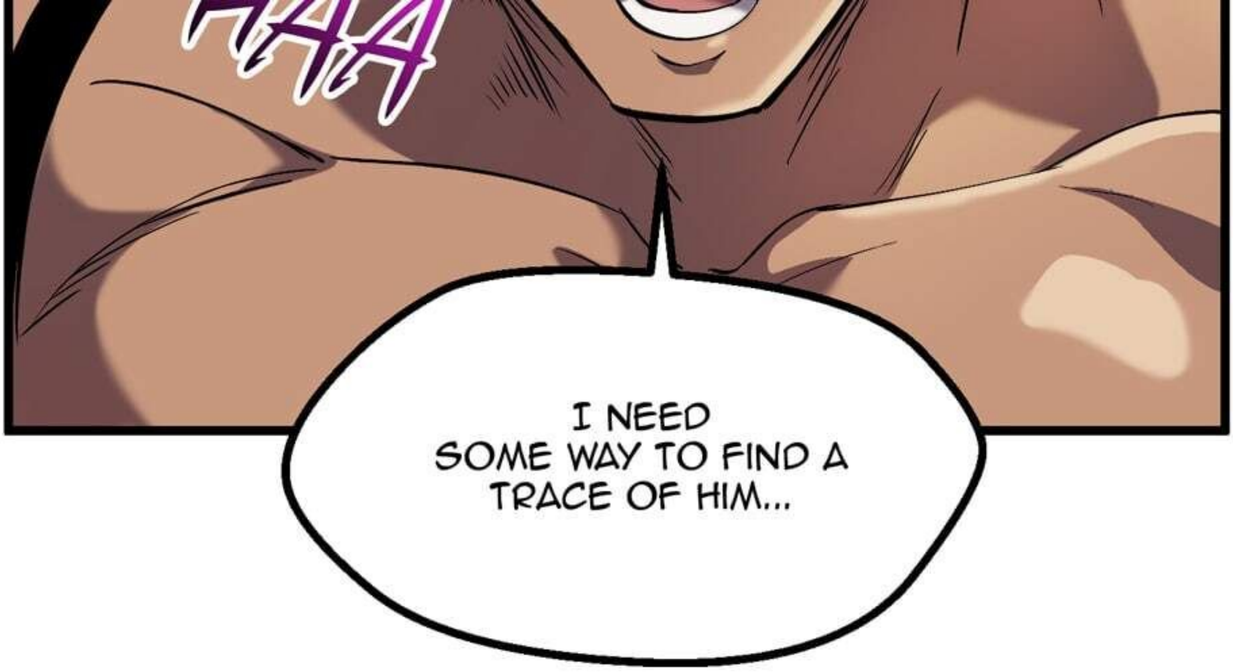
DOES HE HAVE SOME SORT OF SECRET HOBBY?

ANYWAY, PLEASE FIND HIM AT ALL COSTS AND ***BURN HIM ALIVE!***

FWOOM

...I'LL TAKE


CARE OF HIM PROPERLY.
I ENDED UP TAKING ON THAT JOB OFFER, BUT...
HOW AM I SUPPOSE TO KNOW WHERE HE WENT?
IT'LL BE EVEN HARDER TO FIND HIM SINCE HE'S GONE ON A SECRET MISSION.



I NEED
SOME WAY TO FIND A
TRACE OF HIM...

DING

Do you wish

to activate your Pursuit Skill with the indicated genetic information?

Do you wish
to activate your
Pursuit Skill with the
indicated genetic
information?

RED DOG
CULTURE HOUSE

LATNA
SAGA
SURVIVAL OF A SWORD KING